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REFS: A. CSAF MSG 111842 Z JUN 73 (NOTAL) B. AC/224(SG-7) D/54 C. CSAF MSG 131612 Z JUNE 73(NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO DEVELOPING NAFAG SUBGROUP 7 AGREED DECISIONS ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY NIAG SUBGROUP 1. SINCE ONLY THREE NATIONS WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, RESULTS OF THE EFFORT WILL BE OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE TO NIAG SUB-GROUP 1. END SUMMARY.

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF ONLY THREE NATIONS, NORWAY (LTC. PUNSVIK).
U. K. (WG. CMDR. AGNEW) AND U. S. (COL. HBOSWORTH) PARTICIPATED IN
THE MEETING. LTC. NOEL OF THE FRENCH MISSION TO NATO ATTENDED
PART TIME AS AN OBSERVER ONLY. FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS SENT
BRIEF MESSAGES STATING THEIR POSITIONS ON SOME OF THE ISSUES TO
BE CONSIDERED.
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2. THE ENTIRE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS OF, AND DRAFTING ANSWERS FOR, THE LIST OF QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN ANNEX B TO REFERENCE B. AN AGREED ANSWER TO EACH OF THE QUESTIONS WAS DEVELOPED; HOWEVER, SINCE THE FRENCH AND NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT

PRESENT TO DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY RECONCILE THEIR PREPARED POSITIONS, A NUMBER OF THE ANSWERS ARE LITTLE MORE THAN A STATEMENT OF ONE OR MORE NATIONAL POSITIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THEIR USEFULNESS TO NIAG SUB-GROUP 1 IS QUESTIONABLE.

- 3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF QUESTION NUMBER 12, THE ANSWERS DEVELOPED DURING THE MEETING ARE FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE U. S. POSITIONS OUTLINED IN REF A. THE AGREED ANSWERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DOCUMENT AC/224(SG-7) D/56 TO BE DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS. MISSION IS FORWARDING TODAY, UNDER SEPARATE COVER, AN ADVANCED COPY OF THE AGREED ANSWERS TO INTERESTED U. S. AGENCIES.
- 4. IN REGARD TO QUESTION 12, THE FOLLOWING NAFAG SUB- GROUP 7 ANSWER WAS AGREED:

QUOTE. A MAJOR PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF THE DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS ISSUE. HOWEVER, DUE TO DIRECTLY DIVERGENT NATIONAL VIEWS, A UNANIMOUS NAFAG SG-7 POSITION COULD NOT BE AGREED. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF THE DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS (LISTED IN AC/224(SG/7) D/31 (REV.) ARE CONTINGENT UPON, OR DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CAPABILITY, E. G. ELEVATION GUIDANCE COVERAGE. CONSEQUENTLY, RESOLUTION OF THE ATC REQUIREMENTS ISSUE IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. IT WAS FURTHER DETERMINED THAT ALL NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS SHOULD CLOSELY RE-EVALUATE THEIR POSITIONS IN THIS REGARD, AS WELL AS OVERALL CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPACT THAT DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS SHOULD HAVE ON THE CONCEPT SELECTION, TO DETERMINE WHAT POSSIBLE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY THEY MAY ENTERTAIN. END QUOTE.

4. REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING INDICATED THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FORWARDED BY DR. EVANS IN HIS LETTER TO USNATO, DATED 5 JUNE 1973. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS ATTACHMENT TO AC/224(SG-7) D/56, FOR CONSIDERATION BY ALL SG-7 REPRESENTATIVES. THE ATTENDING REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO NON COMMITTAL ON THE USAF OFFER TO HOST A SG-7 MEETING IN THE U. S. UNCLASSIFIED

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(REF. C). A SEPARATE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE VIEWS OF ALL SG-7 REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS REGARD WILL BE DISPATCHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF; HHOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT AN AGREED SG-7 RESPONSE WILL BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL AFTER THE NIAG SG-1 MEETING IN JULY. KOVNER

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